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SUBJECT: CALL BY DR FRANK KEEGAN

FOR ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND/OR CHARLES BRAY  
FROM AMBASSADOR KUBISCH

1. AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE, DR FRANK KEEGAN, IS INTERESTED IN OFFERING HIS SERVICES ON SOME BASIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVOLVING SITUATION CONCERNING CONTACTS WITH CUBA. I UNDERSTAND HE PLANS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR OFFICE SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

2. KEEGAN IS A LIBERAL, UNIVERSITY INTELLECTUAL WITH SUBSTANTIAL ABILITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS. HE IS ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD AND I FIRST MET HIM SOME 20 YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING LAY PROFESSOR ON THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. HE HAS BEEN SOMETHING OF A PROTEGE OF ROBERT HUTCHINS AND FATHER TED HESBERG OVER THE YEARS. HE HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY AND PUBLISHED AN INTERESTING BOOK ENTITLED "BLACKTOWN USA" ABOUT CLEVALAND, OHIO. HE HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF SALEM UNIVERSITY IN MASSACHUSETTS AND PROGRAM OFFICER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WITH THE FORD FOUNDATION IN MEXICO AND SEVERAL CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, RESIDING IN MEXICO FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF ALEX HALEY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND IS COOPERATING WITH HALEY ON A MAJOR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON

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WITHIN A YEAR OR SO ON THE "AFRO-AMERICAN FAMILY". HE IS NOW A SENIOR CONSULTANT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT IMPRESS YOU AS BEING A LITTLE WEIRD, HE IS AHUMAN BEING OF RARE QUALITY. I AM NOT SURE WHAT IT IS HE WANTS TO DO BUT I HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO

HEAR HIM OUT.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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